President : You see with jacks, one will not be able to extract the tyres.

Trivandrum Thampanoor Valley.

12. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have abandoned the reclamation and improvement of the Trivandrum Thampanoor Valley as per the Trivandrum Town Planning Scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*) : No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether Government are aware that construction of buildings or any improvement of a permanent nature is not allowed by the Trivandrum Corporation in the Thampanur Valley on the plea of the Town Planning Scheme?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether any steps for the improvement of the Thampanur Valley will be taken up at least in the course of next year or in the near future?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : It is on account of the high cost of the work that it is held up.

Transport buses.

13. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the transport buses, except the Express bus, are provided with tarpaulins ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the number of such running buses not provided with tarpaulins ;

(*c*) the reasons for not providing tarpaulins for such buses ; and

(*d*) whether the *samans* of the passengers travelling in such buses are spoiled by heavy rains due to the want of tarpaulins?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) No.

(*b*) 73.

(*c*) Non-availability of materials.

(*d*) A few instances have been reported.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the honourable member how long is it since these were not provided with tarpaulins?

Mr. E. G. Salter : It is difficult to give a definite answer, but if there had not been the inability to purchase, we would have been in a different position.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Cannot we get some substitute

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